

26. A framing system for adjustably connecting building components comprising:

an outer stud, and

an interior support member, wherein

5        said outer stud includes a web from which two flanges extend perpendicularly,

      said web having at least a first elevation and a second elevation,

      said second elevation of said web located between said  
10 flanges,

      said interior support member having an inner surface capable of being substantially flush with said second elevation of said web,

      an attachment device for securing said inner surface and  
15 said second elevation together, and

      said inner surface having bracing arms extending therefrom toward said flanges, for engaging said flanges.

#### REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled the original claim 13 and added  
20 thirteen new claims, claims 14-26, to the application. Claims 14-25 are identical to the claims that were approved in the parent application, now abandoned. This continuing application was properly filed before abandonment of the parent application, and no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 14-25 are

in a condition for immediate allowance. In addition, Claim 26 has been carefully drafted so as to avoid any of the prior art cited in the original application. Therefore, it is Applicant's position that claims 14-26 are in a condition for immediate allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Finally, this preliminary amendment presents additional claims in excess of the number already paid for. Applicant has paid for 3 independent claims, and this preliminary amendment introduces 4 independent claims. Pursuant to MPEP §714.10, the excess claim may be presented at any time with payment of the additional fee. Attached hereto please find a fee transmittal sheet and credit card payment form with the appropriate payment. As payment of the additional fee has been made, it is respectfully requested that all 4 independent claims be considered.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at Trojan Law Offices, 310-777-8399.

Respectfully submitted,

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